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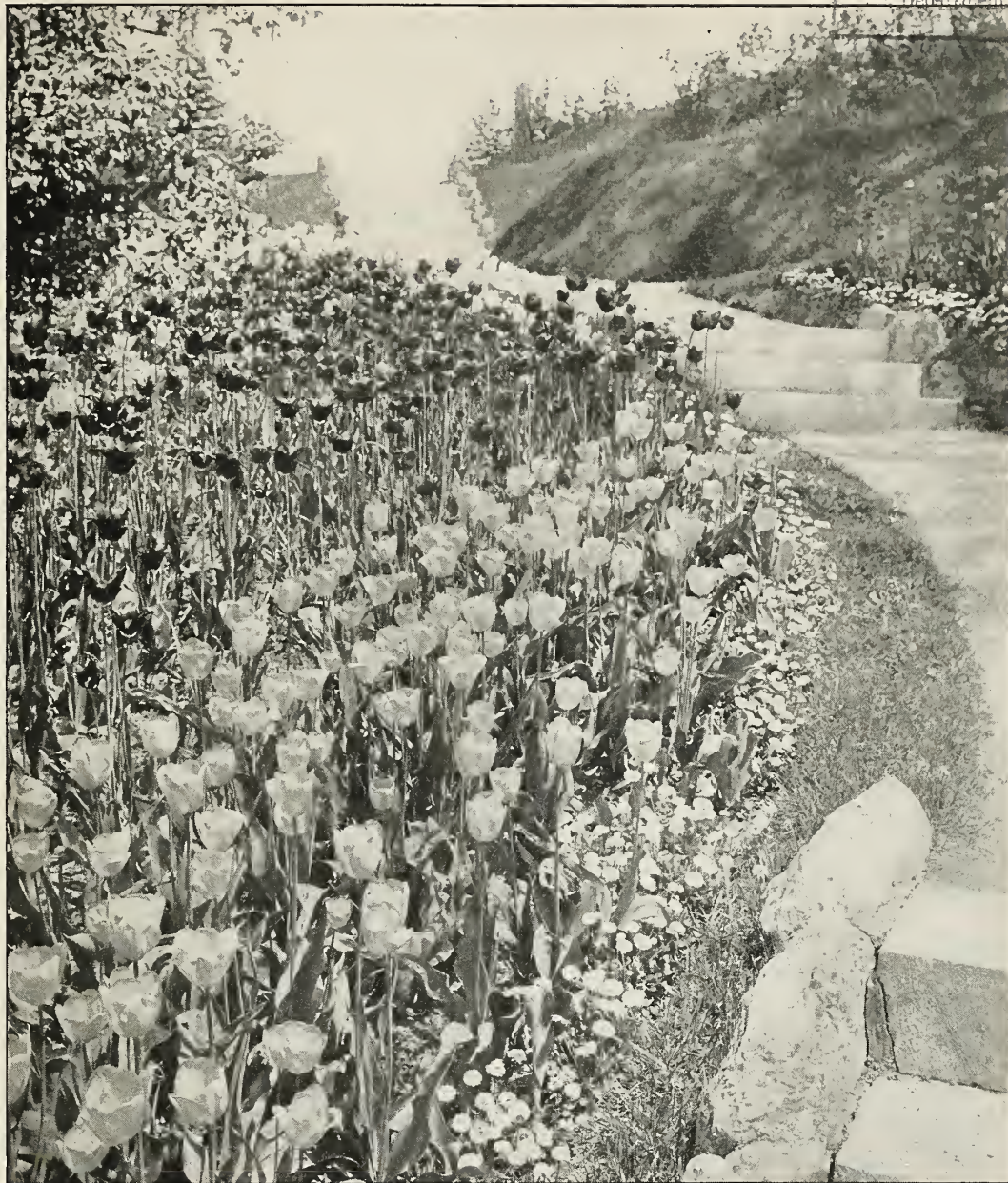
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An Attractive Border of Lovely Darwin Tulips

# FLOWERING BULBS

FOR FALL PLANTING

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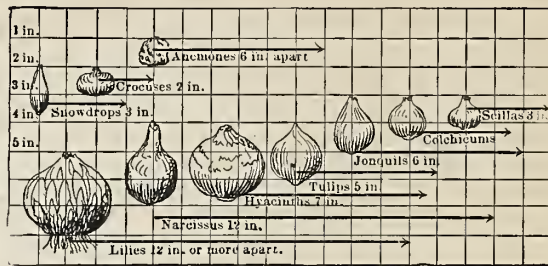
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## HINTS ON BULB CULTURE

In the South, bulbs should be planted outdoors from the middle of October to the middle of December. The ground should be well spaded, and a liberal quantity of good sheep-manure worked into the soil will greatly increase the size and color of the blooms. (See chart for depth to plant.)

During the winter, nothing adds so much to the attractiveness of the home as a bowl of beautiful sweet-scented Paper-White Narcissi, Chinese Sacred Lilies, or California Freesias. Bulbs of these varieties can be started as early as September, and by successive plantings one may have them in bloom from Thanksgiving until Easter. Grow them in pots of *Prepared Bulb Fiber*, which does not require drainage, holds moisture, and allows the roots to penetrate freely. Keep the fiber damp by spraying it lightly each day, but never allow it to become too wet. Keep all bulbs, except Freesias, Callas, and Lilies-of-the-Valley, in a dark place from two to four weeks to develop roots.



## HYACINTHS

Although less graceful than the lily, the Hyacinth is still Queen of the Dutch Bulbs, and is the most familiar of them all. It is perfect in form, of beautiful coloring, and carries its burden of fragrant bells with a stateliness characteristic of no other small flower. It does equally as well indoors as in the garden, and can be grown in fiber, water, sand, or soil. For indoor blooming, it is best to plant the bulbs in *Prepared Bulb Fiber*, and bring them to the light at intervals of ten days or two weeks, for a succession of bloom.

### First-Quality Single Hyacinths

#### MAMMOTH EXHIBITION BULBS

20c. each, \$2 per doz., \$12 per 100, delivered

#### SHADES OF BLUE

**Grand Maître.** Deep lavender-blue; large bells. Very popular.

**King of the Blues.** Brilliant indigo-blue. Flowers of the largest size.

**Lord Balfour.** Lilac-rose, tinged violet.

**Menelik.** Dark purple, almost black.

**Perle Brillante.** A pleasing shade of light blue; large bells; perfect shape.

**Queen of the Blues.** Light porcelain.

#### WHITE

**La Grandesse.** Snow-white. Queen of the White Hyacinths.

**L'Innocence.** Pure white. A splendid sort.

#### SHADES OF RED AND PINK

**Gertrude.** Dark pink; large flowers.

**Lady Derby.** Light rose-pink; extra fine.

**La Victoire.** Bright red; one of the best.

**Moreno.** Exquisite shade of pink; early.

**Pink Perfection.** Blush-pink, shaded lavender.

**Queen of the Pinks.** Deep rose. Becoming more popular each year.

#### YELLOW

**City of Haarlem.** Golden yellow; flower large and well formed.

**Yellow Hammer.** The most popular yellow Hyacinth.

### Double Hyacinths

#### SHADES OF BLUE

**Bloksberg.** Porcelain-blue, shaded dark blue.

**Garrick.** Light blue. Very good.

**General Kohler.** One of the best double blues.

#### YELLOW

**Goethe.** Salmon-yellow, pinkish center.

**Sunflower.** Deep buff-yellow.



Single Exhibition Hyacinth, Lady Derby

#### SHADES OF RED AND PINK

**Chestnut Flower.** Bright rose, resembling horse-chestnut blooms.

**Grootvorst.** Blush-pink; large bells.

**President Wilson.** Bright pink; large, compact spike.

#### WHITE

**La Grandesse.** The best double white.

### Second-Size Hyacinths

We have all varieties of the Mammoth Exhibition Hyacinths in second-sized bulbs, which are a trifle smaller, but are equally as good for bedding. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100, delivered.

### Tait's Thoroughbred Mixture

Made by ourselves out of named sorts, and well adapted for growing in pots or beds. Without doubt the best mixture of Hyacinths offered at the price.

10c. each, \$1 per doz., \$7 per 100, delivered

**SINGLE.** Made up of the following colors: Dark Red, Rose, Pure White, Blush-White, Dark Blue, Light Blue, Yellow.

**DOUBLE.** Made up of the following colors: Dark Red, Rose, Pure White, Blush-White, Dark Blue, Light Blue, Yellow.

### Tait's Gorgeous Bedding Mixture

This splendid mixture is priced low; the bulbs should be purchased in large quantities for massed color effects.

All Colors Mixed. 7 cts. each, 75 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, delivered.

### Miniature or Dutch-Roman Hyacinths

These are especially adapted to indoor growing. You can pot them in quantities and have blooms during the whole winter. Plant them 3 inches apart and 3 inches below the surface. Pink, White, Blue, or Mixed. 6 cts. each, 65 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, delivered.

### White Roman Hyacinths

Earlier than the Dutch Hyacinths, and more graceful, as the white flowers are not in clusters. Our bulbs are *French grown*, and are far superior to those grown in Holland. Please note that these are for indoor blooming only. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz., \$7 per 100, delivered.

PLANT YOUR BULBS FOR INDOOR BLOOMING IN PREPARED BULB FIBER. See page 7



# Tulips Bring Glowing Colors to Spring Gardens

No other bulbs make such a rich and gorgeous display of blossoms with so little care and cultivation as do our Tulips. Their early blooming, pretty cup-like flowers, gay colors, and brilliant effects make them spring favorites. They can be cultivated very easily, only requiring good, common garden soil to grow them to perfection.

## Tait's Superb Darwin Tulips

This giant May-flowering class grows from 1½ to 2 feet high, with globular flowers on long, stiff stems, making them of exceptional value for cutting. The range in color is quite distinct from that of the early-flowering sorts, and is much admired. Considered the most desirable Tulips for general use.

**Ariadne.** Enormous cup-shaped flowers of a brilliant rosy scarlet, with blue base. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Baronne de la Tonnaye.** Very large flower. Vivid carmine-pink, margined bluish. One of the best. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Clara Butt.** Delicate salmon-pink. The exquisite shade and perfect shape of this most popular variety is always admired. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Dream.** Silvery heliotrope. Very dainty. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Europe.** Dazzling rose-scarlet. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Farncombe Sanders.** Brilliant dark rosy red. One of the choicer varieties. A grand flower. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Flamingo.** Delicate shell-pink. A most attractive flower. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Glow.** Rich vermilion-scarlet, dark blue base. Very showy. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Gretchen, or Margaret.** Delicate flesh-color, interior soft pink. A splendid variety, especially for cutting. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Harry Veitch.** Dark blood-red. Flowers large and well formed. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Jubilee.** (New.) Flowers of rich royal purple—a shade much admired. \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100, *delivered*.

**La Tulipe Noire.** A striking flower of deep purplish blue, almost black. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Ouida.** Rich cardinal-scarlet. This variety is unsurpassed for massing. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Pride of Haarlem.** Brilliant old-rose, with blue base. The enormous flower and superb form make this a favorite with everyone. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Princess Elizabeth.** Deep pink flowers carried on long, stiff stems. 80 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Psyche.** Silvery rose with light blue base. The flowers are borne on long stems. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Reverend Ewbank.** A charming soft heliotrope, shaded lavender. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**William Pitt.** Dark scarlet with purplish bloom on outer petals. Large, distinct, and beautiful. 80 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Tait's Thoroughbred Mixture.** A special mixture composed of leading varieties. 50c. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.



Clara Butt—a typical Darwin Tulip. Cup-shaped flowers and petals incurved at the tips.

## Rembrandt Tulips

Like the Darwins in form, but with stripings and shadings which make them very attractive in the shrub border.

**Apollo.** Lilac, rose, and white, striped dark carmine. 75c. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Le Printemps.** Lilac, and white, flamed dark red. 80 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Red Prince.** Rose, flamed fiery red. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Semele.** Vivid rose, striped darker. Large flower. 80 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Zenobia.** Amaranth and white, feathered brilliant brown. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100.

**Splendid Mixture.** 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100.

## Early Tulips

Suitable for beds and borders. Although they possess much beauty, they are not considered as handsome as the Darwin or Cottage Tulips. All are suitable for outdoor growth; only those especially mentioned should be forced indoors.

### SINGLE

**Artus.** Brilliant deep scarlet; forcing. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Belle Alliance.** Bright scarlet; sweet scented; forcing. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Chrysolora.** The best golden yellow Tulip. Excellent for forcing. 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

**Cottage Maid.** Soft pink, flushed with white. Splendid for late forcing. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Fred Moore.** Apricot shadings, with the edge of the petals turning to white; the center is marked with olive-green. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Keizerkroon.** Rich scarlet edged with yellow. 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

**La Reine.** White flushed rose; forcing. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**L'Immaculee.** Large; pure white; early. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Pink Beauty.** Flowers of unsurpassed size and beauty. Rosy pink shaded with white. 95 cts. per doz., \$6.50 per 100, *delivered*.

**Yellow Prince.** Golden yellow; fragrant. Good for forcing. 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

**Mixture of Different Colors.** 40 cts. per doz., \$3 per 100, *delivered*.

### DOUBLE

**La Candeur.** Beautiful white variety; excellent for bedding. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Murillo.** Clear pink, flushed with white. 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

**Rubra Maxima.** Deep red. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Tea Rose.** A pleasing soft saffron-yellow, developing into a rosy apricot. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Tournesol.** Rich scarlet, edged yellow. One of the best double Tulips for forcing. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Mixture of Different Colors.** 45 cts. per doz., \$3.50 per 100, *delivered*.

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## Cottage Tulips

Some of the best Tulips are found among the Cottage varieties. They are splendid for bedding, naturalizing, and especially for cutting. Their large, brilliant flowers are borne on long, strong stems in May, and last a long time after cutting.

**Gesneriana spathulata.** Brilliant scarlet; unexcelled for cutting. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Glare of the Garden.** Fiery crimson, with red and blue center; extra large. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Inglescombe Pink.** Rosy pink, changing later to rose; very large. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Inglescombe Yellow.** Bright yellow;

a large globular flower. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**John Ruskin.** Salmon, edged with lemon-yellow; the inside of the flower is deep lilac. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

**Picotee.** White, margined with pink. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Mixture of Different Colors.** 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

## Parrot Tulips

The petals of this class appear as if torn along the edges, and turn inward at the tips. The colors are quite striking and unusual.

**Amiral de Constantinople.** Scarlet, with orange shadings. A thoroughly reliable variety for the garden. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Cramoisi Brilliant.** Brilliant crimson blooms, with blue markings. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Lutea Major.** Yellow, red, and green markings. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Perfecta.** Yellow and red. 65 cts. per doz., \$4.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Mixture of Different Colors.** 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

## NARCISSUS, or DAFFODILS

Few bulbous flowers are more graceful than the Daffodils. While they do not possess the gorgeous colorings of the Darwin and Cottage tulips, the fact that they come into bloom during April, and precede the tulips, suggests their use. You can plant Daffodils in scattered clumps about the garden, and arrange them in borders. Daffodils can be grown in any ordinary garden soil.



Paper-White Grandiflora Narcissus

### Single Varieties

**Emperor.** Huge yellow flowers upon long stems. One of the best. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Empress.** Rich yellow trumpet; the perianth (the petals at right angles to trumpet) is sulphur-white. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**King Alfred.** (New.) One of the most beautiful sorts in our list. The largest and finest golden yellow Giant Trumpet variety. \$1.75 per doz., \$12.50 per 100, *delivered*.

**Golden Spur.** Beautiful large yellow flowers. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Sir Watkin.** Bright primrose-yellow perianth, with large, well-formed cup. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Poeticus ornatus.** Pure white perianth; cup shaded with crimson. Good forcing sort. 60 cts. per doz., \$4.25 per 100, *delivered*.

**Poetaz Ideal.** White perianth, with large yellow "button" in the center. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

### Double Varieties

**Von Sion.** Golden yellow; particularly good for growing indoors in *Prepared Bulb Fiber* or soil. In the garden the flowers are occasionally greenish the second season. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Orange Phoenix.** White blooms with orange centers. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

**Sulphur Phoenix.** Large white flowers with centers of sulphur-yellow. 85 cts. per doz., \$6 per 100, *delivered*.

### Paper-White Grandiflora Narcissus

The most satisfactory flowers that can be grown in the house for winter blooming, and they require little care. Five or six bulbs in a bowl of *Prepared Bulb Fiber* will give a splendid display of beautiful white flowers, borne in clusters and very fragrant. The bulbs grow very rapidly, usually blooming in about six weeks, and will thrive under nearly every condition, provided they are given fresh air and not too much heat. For a succession of bloom the bulbs should be started every ten days from September to January. When grown in *Prepared Bulb Fiber*, care should be taken to keep the Fiber moist, but not too wet. They can also be grown in water (see illustration), but it is best to change the water occasionally to keep it from becoming stagnant. Mammoth Bulbs, 70 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100. Selected Bulbs, 60 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.



Single Trumpet Daffodils, Empress

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## Chinese Sacred Lily

Blooms much like the Paper-White narcissus, but with pronounced yellow centers. The plant makes a stronger growth than the Paper-White narcissus, but the bulbs are treated in the same way—set in *Prepared Bulb Fiber*, or in pebbles. 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz.

## Freesia

Very popular for indoor blooming, and can be grown almost as readily as Paper-White narcissus. There is only one important point to remember—they must have good drainage.

**Purity.** Snow-white flowers blotched with yellow; rather fragrant. 50 cts. per doz., \$4 per 100, *delivered*.

**Rainbow Mixture.** Shades of pink, purple, lilac, blue, and orange. 75 cts. per doz., \$5 per 100, *delivered*.

## Crocus

Just imagine a fresh green lawn with yellow and white and blue Crocuses peeping up through the sod and opening their flowers to the spring sunshine. To be most effective, Crocuses should be used in large quantities, and even a small lawn can use five hundred. Just try them this year—you will wonder why you did not have them before.

30 cts. per doz., \$2 per 100, except where noted; *delivered*

**Maximilian.** Brilliant blue; large flowers.

**Mont Blanc.** Large, pure white flowers.

**Purpurea Grandiflora.** Dark violet; very handsome.

**Sir Walter Scott.** White with purple stripings.

**Yellow King.** Bright yellow. 40 cts. per doz., \$2.75 per 100, *delivered*.

**Mixture of Different Colors.** 20 cts. per doz., \$1.50 per 100, *delivered*.

## Calla Lilies

**WHITE CALLA LILY.** Pot the bulbs so that the top protrudes slightly above the surface, in a stiff clay soil, mixed with a small quantity of well-rotted cow-manure. When growth has started, sprinkle the soil with warm water several times a week. Calla Lilies are only successful when planted indoors during the fall. **Mammoth Size**, 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz., *delivered*. **First Size**, 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., *delivered*.

**YELLOW CALLA LILY.** The green foliage, spotted with creamy white, forms a splendid background for the handsome yellow flowers. An unusual novelty. **Mammoth Size**, 60 cts. each, \$6 per doz., *delivered*. **First Size**, 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz., *delivered*.



*Lilium candidum.* Glorious pure white blooms borne on high, graceful stems

## Lilium candidum (Madonna Lily)

To grow this Lily successfully, bulbs should be planted as early as procurable in the fall, and be given a light dusting of powdered sulphur. They should be set where they can get plenty of light and air, and covered with not more than 3 inches of soil. **Mammoth Size**, 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz., *delivered*. **First Size**, 35 cts. each, \$3.50 per doz., *delivered*.

## Lily-of-the-Valley

These are most effective when planted irregularly in small groups. Place the crowns about 2 inches below the surface. The flowers will be larger and finer if given an occasional dressing of well-rotted manure. Strong clumps for outdoor planting, 65 cts. each, \$6.50 per doz., *delivered*.

## Peonies

Peonies have been remarkably improved upon in the last few years, and can now be obtained in new colors and types of beauty. The roots can be planted in the fall or early spring. They will do well in any good garden soil. Be careful not to get them too deep; if the buds are covered with more than 2 inches of soil, the quantity of flowers is likely to be limited.

75 cts. each, \$7.50 per doz., except where noted; *delivered*

**Edulis Superba.** Mauve-pink; large and very handsome.

**Festiva Maxima.** Handsome snow-white flowers with occasional markings of red in the center. 60 cts. each, \$6 per doz., *delivered*.

**Floral Treasure.** Showy lilac-rose flowers. Very fragrant.

**Kohinoor.** Shell-pink blooms are produced in profusion.

**Louis Van Houtte.** Bright rose, tinged with silver. The bloom is handsome and rather fragrant.

**Unnamed Varieties—Pink, Red, White.** 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz., *delivered*.



*Floral Treasure.* One of the most handsome Peonies in our assortment

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# Spencer or Orchid-Flowering Sweet Peas

Each year a number of new Sweet Peas are placed upon the market, with extraordinary claims about their colors and sizes. We carefully test all the new varieties and add the really good ones to our list. As a result of this policy, our list of Sweet Peas is excellent, and contains the best varieties obtainable in this country.

In the South, Sweet Peas may be sown in the fall or early in the spring. To secure large flowers and brilliant colors, sow the seeds in a rich soil that has been heavily manured, and in a location where the plants will get plenty of sunshine. Many experts make a trench about 10 inches deep and fill the bottom with well-rotted manure, covering this with 2 inches of good soil. The seeds are covered with 2 inches of earth, and as the seedlings show above the surface, the rest of the soil is raked into the trench. When watering, try to keep the water near the roots, since sprinkling the vines seems to do more harm than good. Pick the blooms regularly, and they will bear until killed by extreme heat or frost.

We have taken great pains in the preparation of our stocks, and know that you will find all the varieties worth while. They will do well under ordinary conditions; to secure extra-large flowers you must give them cultural attention, and sow the seeds where the soil is adapted to their needs.

At the prices given, Sweet Peas will be sent postpaid.

Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 35 cts., ¼lb. \$1, except where noted

## BLUE AND PURPLE SHADES

**Flora Norton.** Bright blue; a splendid variety.

**Margaret Madison.** Azure-blue; petals crinkled.

**Mrs. Tom Jones.** Bright blue. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 45 cts., ¼lb. \$1.25, *postpaid*.

**Royal Purple.** A new shade; almost a true royal purple.

**Wedgwood.** Silvery blue; large, perfectly formed flowers.

## LAVENDER SHADES

**Asta Ohn.** Pinkish lavender with large, waved petals.

**Florence Nightingale.** Lavender; large, well-waved wings.

## MAROON

**Othello.** Rich maroon; huge flowers.

## ROSE AND PINK SHADES

**Apple Blossom.** Primrose wings, tinged with rose.

**Elfrida Pearson.** The best light pink; immense flowers.

**Countess Spencer.** Splendid pink flowers on long stems.

**Helen Lewis.** Orange-pink petals crumpled at the edges.

**Margaret Atlee.** Apricot-pink, suffused with orange.

**Sterling Stent.** Salmon, suffused with orange.

**Mrs. Hugh Dickson.** Apricot-pink and buff. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 40 cts., ¼lb. \$1.25, *postpaid*.

## PRIMROSE OR CREAM

**Primrose Spencer.** Clear bright primrose; delightful when combined with some of the lighter varieties.

## RED SHADES

**George Herbert.** Bright, snappy crimson blooms.

**Illuminator.** Orange petals which seem to change in color when displayed under artificial light.

**King Edward.** Larger than any Sweet Pea in our list. The standards frequently measure 2 inches across. Bright red.

**Vermillion Brilliant.** Bright scarlet; perfectly formed flowers.

## WHITE

**King White.** Delightful large flowers—pure white with beautifully fluted petals. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 40 cts., ¼lb. \$1.25, *postpaid*.

**Constance Hinton.** The flowers are pure white, flushed with pink.

## Early-Flowering Spencer Sweet Peas

Pkt. 15 cts., oz. 75 cts., except where noted; delivered

**Hercules.** Beautiful pink flowers borne on long stems.

**Liberty.** Rich sunproof red. Very handsome.

**Morning Star.** Orange-scarlet standards; orange-pink wings.

**Snowflake.** Pure white. The best early-flowering variety.

**Songster.** Lavender. Pkt. 25 cts., oz. \$1, *postpaid*.

**Yarrowa.** Rose-pink with creamy base and wings. Extremely early.

## Tait's Thoroughbred Mixture

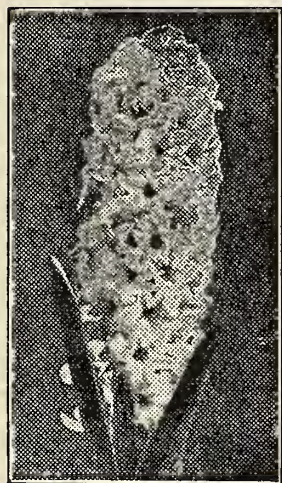
Contains more than fifty of the most beautiful Spencer shades in all colors, and many varieties that have ruffled and fluted petals. Where a variety of color is desired, this mixture is eminently satisfactory. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. 30 cts., ¼lb. 90 cts., lb. \$2.75, *postpaid*.



Note the large, handsome blooms of these Spencer Sweet Peas. You can grow them this size if conditions are right



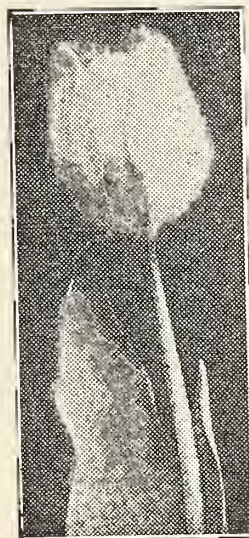
# Special Hyacinth Offer



**25** Lovely  
HYACINTH  
BULBS  
assorted colors.

**\$1.50** Postpaid

# Special Tulip Offer



**25** Beautiful  
DARWIN  
TULIP  
BULBS all different colors.

**\$1.00** Postpaid

# Special Narcissus Offer



**25** Jumbo Paper  
White  
NARCISSUS  
BULBS for blooming  
indoors in water.

**\$1.25** Postpaid

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# Old-Fashioned Perennials for Autumn Sowing

No part of the garden is more beautiful than the section devoted to Perennials. With them you can obtain beautiful color effects from spring to fall. For the best results, sow the seeds in rows during the months of August, September, and October. When the plants have grown to a respectable height you can move them to a permanent location.

## Canterbury Bells

Splendid bell-like flowers of rich blue. The plants become large, so be careful not to place them nearer than 2 feet apart. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. \$2, *postpaid*.

## Carnations

**Chabaud's Everblooming.** Splendid double flowers, perfectly formed, on long, sturdy stems. Mixed colors, pkt. 25 cts., 5 pkts. \$1, *postpaid*.

## Delphinium

These plants make a tall growth and bear beautiful blue flowers in graceful spikes. To get the best results, sow the seeds in a box of prepared soil under glass. Transplant the seedlings several times before placing in the permanent location.

**Gold Medal Hybrids.** This is the finest strain of mixed hybrids ever offered. Plants strong and vigorous, with large flowers on spikes from 12 to 15 inches long. Pkt. 15 cts., *postpaid*.

**Belladonna** (Everblooming Hardy Larkspur). This is the freest and most continuous blooming hardy Larkspur. The color is clear turquoise-blue. Pkt. 25 cts., 5 pkts. \$1, *postpaid*.

**Chinensis** (Blue Butterfly). A distinct and neat variety growing 18 inches high and producing freely spikes of large, dark blue blossoms. Pkt. 25 cts., 5 pkts. \$1, *postpaid*.

## Forget-me-nots

Little star-shaped blue flowers blooming early in the season. Good for edging, as the plants attain a height of only 6 inches. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. \$1, *postpaid*.

## Hollyhocks

The plants make a very strong growth, in many cases more than 10 feet tall, although the double sorts are a bit shorter. Excellent for boundary planting.

**Blood-Red.** Pkt. 10 cts., *postpaid*.

**Canary-Yellow.** Pkt. 10 cts., *postpaid*.

**Newport Pink.** Pkt. 10 cts., *postpaid*.

**White.** Pkt. 10 cts., *postpaid*.

One pkt. of each of the 4 colors, 30 cts., delivered

**Double Varieties, Mixed.** Pkt. 10 cts., 3 pkts. 25 cts., oz. \$2.50, *postpaid*.

## Pinks

**Pheasant's Eye.** Beautiful little flowers with light-colored petals and dark centers, in a variety of shades. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 pkts. 25 cts., *postpaid*.

## Perennial Phlox

Large flower-heads of white, pink, and red. Pkt. 15 cts., *postpaid*. Sold out.

## Giant Snapdragon

Growing to a height of 30 inches, they produce an abundance of lovely flowers.

**Giant-flowering.** Pink, Red, White, Yellow, and all colors mixed. Pkt. 10 cts., 3 pkts. 25 cts., *postpaid*.

## Sweet William

These flat-topped clusters of brilliant flowers are found in every old-fashioned garden. The blooms display a great range of color.

**Single, Mixed.** All colors. Pkt. 10 cts., 1/2 oz. 50 cts., *postpaid*.

**Double, Mixed.** All colors. Pkt. 10 cts., 1/2 oz. 75 cts., *postpaid*.

## Pansies

Pansy seed sown in August and September produces an abundance of bloom the following spring. The plants prefer a cool, moist soil, and a situation in which they are partly protected from strong winds and the heat of the midday sun.

## Show Mixtures of Pansies

**Fine Large-flowering.** Of excellent stock, fine color, and good size. Pkt. 10 cts., oz. \$2, *postpaid*.

**Finest Stained.** This mixture is from magnificent varieties and in every respect the equal of many of the high-priced named Pansies. Pkt. 15 cts., oz. \$3.50, *postpaid*.

**Masterpiece.** Enormous flowers having ruffled, waved petals, showing a great range in coloring, with dark velvety tones predominating. Pkt. 25 cts., oz. \$10, *postpaid*.

**Tait's Thoroughbred Giant Exhibition Strain.** For size and form of flowers, variety and brilliancy of coloring and markings, nothing approaches this strain. The seed is from only exhibition flowers. To gardeners who have grown only ordinary Pansies, these giant flowers will be a revelation. Pkt. 25 cts., oz. \$10, *postpaid*.

## Wallflower

In the spring the long spikes of crimson, purple, yellow, and pink flowers make a handsome appearance in the garden. The plants attain a height of 1 1/2 feet, and can be placed just back of the edging.

**Large-flowering Double, Mixed Colors.** Pkt. 10 cts., 3 pkts. 25 cts., *postpaid*.

**Large-flowering, Single, Mixed Colors.** Pkt. 10 cts., 3 pkts. 25 cts., *postpaid*.

# Prepared Bulb Fiber

For growing bulbs indoors, this material is far superior to pebbles and sand. It is clean and odorless, and the roots of bulbs are able to penetrate easier than in soil. This Fiber is impregnated with plant-food, which assures the bulbs a steady, healthy growth. Keep the Fiber damp by sprinkling it lightly every day, but never allow it to become soaked. Qt. 20 cts., 2 qts. 35 cts., 4 qts. 60 cts., *delivered*.



## Tait's Superior Brand Sheep Manure

Attractively packed in 2, 5, and 10-pound cartons, and 25 and 100-pound bags. 2 lbs. 20 cts., 5 lbs. 35 cts., 10 lbs. 50 cts., 25 lbs. \$1, 100 lbs. \$3. F. O. B. Norfolk.

## Raw Bone Meal

An application of bone meal benefits the soil for three years. One of the best fertilizers for peonies, iris, and other perennials, roses and flowering shrubs, as the roots are not injured by direct contact with the meal. Qt. 20 cts., 2 qts. 35 cts., 4 qts. 60 cts., 20 lbs. \$1, 100 lbs. \$3.50, 200 lbs. \$6.50. F. O. B. Norfolk.

## Perfection Garden and Lawn Lime

Splendid to sweeten the soil and good for top-dressing lawns. 10 lbs. 40 cts. F. O. B. Norfolk.

# STIM-U-PLANT

Produces immediate growth in all plants. Place tablets at the roots where they dissolve and release their plant-food; or dissolve in water, two tablets to each quart. Prices *postpaid*. Trial size (10 tablets) 15 cts.; small size (30 tablets) 25 cts., *delivered*.





Lawns like this can be produced in from six to eight weeks by using Tait's Thorobred Lawn Grass

## Tait's Thorobred Lawn Grass

**S**OME of the most beautiful lawns in America have been made with this mixture of grass seed, which has stood the test of many climates, and must not be compared with the ordinary Emerald, Evergreen and Central Park Mixtures usually sold. It is the result of over fifty years of untiring study and experiment, coupled with the endeavor to give those who appreciate and desire a lawn a grass-seed mixture that will produce a rich green sod in six weeks after planting, and yet make a fine and thick turf the longer it stands. It is composed of fine-leaved hardy grasses, which will not only stand the heat of summer, but outlive the severest winters. Do not be afraid of sowing grasses too thickly, as a heavy seeding always means a better sod. We recommend for ground that has been properly prepared: one quart to 150 square feet; four to five bushels per acre. Price, qt. 30 cts.; 2 qts. 55 cts.; 4 qts. \$1; pk. \$1.90; bushel, of about 24 lbs., \$7.50. Delivered.

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